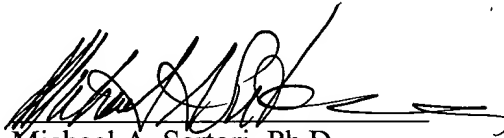


**REMARKS**

The above amendments have been made to place the application in better form for examination. The attachment to this Preliminary Amendment entitled "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made" is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims. Applicant hereby requests an action on the merits at the earliest opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, line 12, the paragraph is amended as follows:

[1] S. Lawrence [L. Giles] and C.L. Giles [S. Lawrence], “Accessibility [and Distribution] of Information on the Web,” Nature, vol. 400, July 8, 1999.

Page 1, line 18, the paragraph is amended as follows:

[4] S. Brin, J. Davis, and H. Garcia-Molina, “Copy Detection Mechanisms for Digital Documents,” Proceedings of the ACM SIGMOD Annual Conference[‘95], May 1995.

Page 1, line 22, the paragraph is amended as follows:

[6] N. Sh[r]ivakumar and H. Garcia-Molina, “SCAM: A Copy Detection Mechanism for Digital Documents,” Proceedings of the Second International Conference in Theory and Practice of Digital Libraries, June 1995.

Page 1, line 25, the paragraph is amended as follows:

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Page 2, line 4, the paragraph is amended as follows:

[10] V. Chalana, A. Bruce, and T. Nguyen, "Duplicate Document Detection in DocBrowse [Mathsoft Data Analysis Products Division: DocBrowser]," [www.statsci.com/docbrowse/paper/spie98/node1.htm](http://www.statsci.com/docbrowse/paper/spie98/node1.htm), July 31, 1999.

Page 2, line 6, the paragraph is amended as follows:

[11] G. Salton, A. Wong [C.S. Yang], and C.S. Yang [A. Wong], "A Vector[-] Space Model for Automatic Indexing," Comm. Of the ACM, vol. 18, no.11, pp. 613-620, November 1975.

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[12] M. F. Porter, "An Algorithm for Suffix Stripping," Program, vol. 14, no. 3, pp. 130-137, July 1980.

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[14] R. S. Scotti and C. Lilly, "Analysis and Design of Test Corpora for Zero-Tolerance Government Document Review Process," Symposium for Document Image Understanding Technology, Annapolis, Maryland, April, 1999, also reported at George Washington University Declassification Productivity Research Center, <http://dprec.seas.gwu.edu>, July 31,]1999.

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[15] D. Grossman, D. Holmes, and O. Frieder, "A Parallel DBMS Approach to IR in TREC-3[4]", Overview of the Third [Fourth]Text Retrieval Conference (TREC-3[4]), November 1994 [1995].

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